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Dear Harold:

Enclosed please find the booklet you loaned me, some old clips I thought you'd like to see, and at long last, the "JAMA" autopsy articles you wanted.

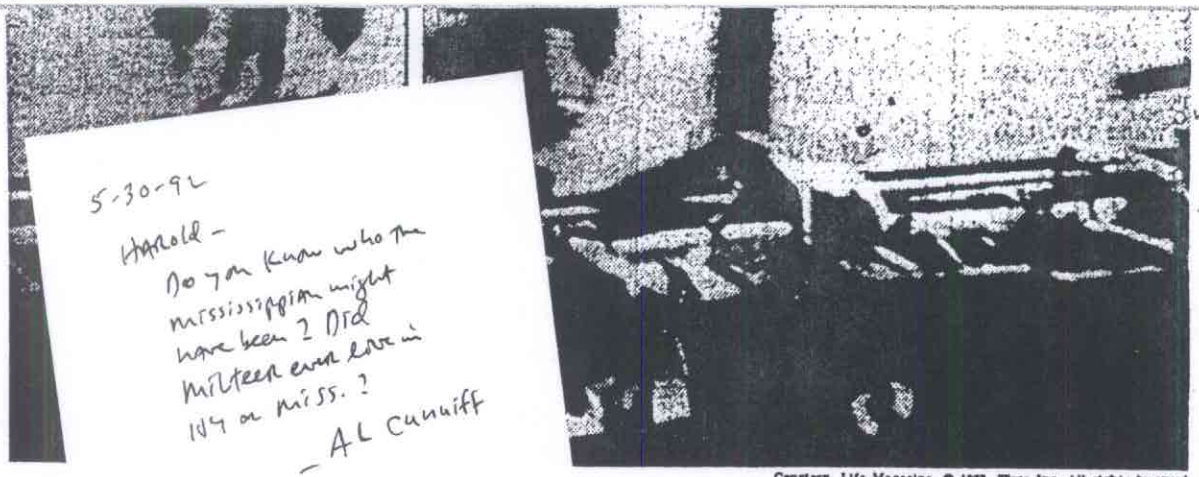
I believe there was a 4-page press release that accompanied the journal. I should have that within a few days. Also, I think a friend of mine taped the press conference, so I'll try to get you a video tape and/or written transcript of the conference.

I'd like to drop by again soon. I plan to go to Hood College and look at a few of the student research papers Jerry McKnight has. Didn't you say a girl had written a good one on Marina? Jerry said he should have Sylvia Meagher's files in shape for researchers before school starts in September.

Maybe next time I'll come across some of your files on the "Dear Mr. Hunt" letter!

Sincerely,

Al



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Harold -
Do you know who the mississippian might have been? Did Milteer ever live in 104 or miss.?
- AL Cunniff

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for he... ...r to protect her and to get her back into the limousine (6).

OSW... CH... BAPTISM

His Wife Arranged a Secret Ceremony for Daughter

Special to The New York Times

DALLAS, Nov. 29—Lee H. Oswald, the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy, was an athiest so opposed to religion that his wife arranged a secret ceremony for the baptism of their child, it was disclosed today.

The 22-month-old child, June Lee, was baptized in the St. Seraphim Eastern Orthodox Church here about one year ago.

"It was done in secret," said Father Dmitri, the clergyman who performed the ceremony. "The father was an atheist and he was opposed to it."

"I understand they have to do this frequently in Russia," Father Dmitri said.

Oswald's wife Marina was born in Russia. She married Oswald there after he renounced his United States citizenship.

Kept Under Guard

She and her two daughters have been kept from the public by the Secret Service since Oswald was killed in the Dallas police station two days after President Kennedy's assassination.

Father Dmitri said he saw Mrs. Oswald and the child for the "one brief moment" that the ceremony required. He said he never had met Oswald.

The second Oswald child, born last month, has not been baptized, according to a friend, Mrs. Michael R. Paine. Mrs. Oswald lived with the Paines in Irving, a small town near Dallas.

Oswald was a self-proclaimed Marxist who went to the Soviet Union in 1959. Three years later he returned to the United States, but continued to back pro-Communist causes. Several

...s Reported Oswald-Rightist Link

'Village' Residents Are Asked About Mississippian Called Accused Assassin's Friend

By EDITH EVANS ASBURY

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are checking a report that Lee Harvey Oswald was a close friend of an extreme Right-winger who lived at one time in Greenwich Village.

The F.B.I. refused to confirm or deny that it was conducting an investigation. However, several Villagers confirm that they have been questioned by agents seeking to learn the whereabouts of the Rightist.

According to these sources, the man sought is a Mississippian with a fondness for creating disturbances at meetings of liberals in the Village. At least once the disturbance required intervention by the police, and on another occasion the Rightist was assaulted.

None of these sources could establish any connection between the Mississippian and Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy. Nor could they verify statements given to the F.B.I. by its original informant that he and Oswald and the Mississippian had serve in the Marines together.

This informant came to the attention of the agents after he had gone to several newspapers and radio stations on the day of the assassination, Friday, Nov. 22, with the following story:

He and Oswald and the Mississippian had been in the Marines together; Oswald and the Mississippian had shared a room together on Eighth Street in the Village; Oswald had photographed disruptions produced at meetings by his friend, and had supplied them to a Rightist publication.

Oswald listed his occupation as "photographer" on a passport application.

Sources interviewed yesterday said they had not seen Oswald's supposed companion for more than a year. One of them also said that the F.B.I. informant had given an address at which the informant was not known.

Acquaintances of the right-winger say that he told them he had been in the Marines, had been on a Marine boxing team, and liked to shoot rifles.

One acquaintance, who took an interest in the young man despite the fact that he had disrupted meetings of his organization, said he had tried to reason with him.

This acquaintance said the young man had seemed not too sure of his views and had come to his office for several discussions, but persisted in a prediction that the South was going to start a revolution and take over the country.

At The Village Voice, a local weekly newspaper, it was recalled that the right-winger had come in occasionally to argue and, on one occasion, had placed an ad commemorating the birthday of Robert E. Lee.

However, the Mississippian refused to tell his acquaintances at the Voice, or any of the others interviewed yesterday, where he lived.

Meanwhile, new information about Oswald's mother emerged yesterday.

It was learned that she had started beginning conversation class in the Russian language at a public library in Fort Worth, Tex., before the assassination of President Kennedy.

She had enrolled by telephone and had attended the first two one-hour evening sessions, on Tuesday Nov. 12 and Tuesday, November 19.

It was not until last Tuesday, when she did not appear for the class, that the name "Marguerite Oswald" on the class records assumed any significance to library officials.

The free class is a part of the library's community relations program. It is offered to enable students to decide whether they want to pursue serious study of the Russian language in an academic institution.

The library offers similar classes in Spanish and French.

Holmes, said Oswald rented a post office box in his own name in Dallas on Oct. 9, 1962.

On March 20, 1963, a gun from a mail order house in Chicago was delivered to the box. It was addressed to A. Hidell, a name authorities said Oswald had used as an alias.

This was the gun the Federal Bureau of Investigation said was used to kill President Kennedy.

On May 10, Oswald had the

Johnson Likes to Chat At End of Day's Work

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—President Johnson has no daily routine of relaxation, but at the end of a day he likes to sit and talk.

Former President Harry S. Truman took morning walks around the White House. President Kennedy took a daily swim in the White House pool

FUND TO BE RAISED FOR OSWALD'S WIFE

BENTON, Ill., Nov. 29 (UPI)—A retired Presbyterian minister who began a fund drive yesterday for the family of Lee H. Oswald, the accused assassin of Preident Kennedy, said today that he had a "very heartening response."